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Decision Notice Meagher County Sportsmen's Shooting Range Grant

The Meagher County Sportsmen's Association in White Sulphur Springs, Montana proposes to build and set up at least 4 full size steel silhouettes (chicken, pig, turkey & ram). Additional silhouettes may be constructed if there is sufficient steel remaining. The organization has applied for a grant under the Montana Shooting Range Development Program for \$1,100 in partial funding of the \$2,300 total cost building and installing steel targets for silhouette shooting.

A review of the grant proposal has been completed. The silhouettes will be additional "targets" for recreational shooting. The silhouettes will be installed on the existing 10 year old range property, and are therefore exempt from an Environmental Assessment under MEPA (Montana Environmental Policy Act), IAW the MEPA Model Rules implemented under Title 75, chapter 1, MCA, the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) para. III...

(5) The agency is not required to prepare an EA or an EIS for the following categories of action:...(c) minor repairs, operations, or maintenance of existing equipment or facilities;

This project uses no federal funds nor does it take place on state owned or controlled property: therefore, the Federal 106 Regulations and the State Antiquities' Act do not apply.

As a result of the review, funding for this proposed project is approved, pending the Meagher County Sportsmen's Association completion of other administrative requirements under the Shooting Range Development Program. For any question or comments concerning this grant contact Kurt Cunningham at FWP, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620 or e-mail kcunningham@mt.gov.